Mountain Weather Forecast

Northwest Highlands

Including Sutherland, Ben Wyvis, Wester Ross, The Cuillin, Glen Affric, Glen Shiel and Knoydart
Forecast valid from 00:00 on Tuesday 27 Apr 2021 until 23:59 on Wednesday 28 Apr 2021

Forecast Issued on Monday 26 Apr 2021 at 15:41 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High confidence for the change to a cold northeasterly airstream for the week, lower confidence for the amount of showers on any given day likely to affect the Northwest Highlands.

Headline for Tuesday 27 Apr 2021: Showers turning increasingly wintery, fresh northeasterly winds.

Mountain weather hazards on Tuesday 27 Apr 2021

Blizzards Low Likelihood	**Heavy Snow** No Likelihood	**Storm force winds** No Likelihood
Gales Low Likelihood	**Severe chill effect** Medium Likelihood	**Poor visibility** Medium Likelihood
Thunderstorms No Likelihood	**Heavy persistent rain** No Likelihood	**Strong sunlight** No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Dull	Dull	Sleet	Sleet	Sleet	Light snow	Light snow	Light snow
Precipitation probability							
30%	30%	40%	40%	40%	60%	60%	60%

Forecast for Tuesday 27 Apr 2021

Weather: Cloudy overnight with some showers continuing throughout, although drier for Knoydart and Morar. Showers will continue on and off throughout the day and turn increasingly wintery during the day with some accumulations of snow likely on the Fannichs. The most showers will be on the more frequent for north and easterly hills with more western ranges and the Cuillins seeing a little shelter and a few less showers.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 40%, perhaps higher further west where there will be less showers.

Visibility: Visbility will be very poor at times with wintery showers and broken cloud from 500m in heavier showers, in the west there will be more cloud breaks and perhaps a higher cloud base, perhaps scattered cloud from 700m upwards. As showers turn increasingly to snow at higher levels the visibility may reduce to less than a kilometre in the late afternoon in showers, with gusty winds at time causing temporary blizzards.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	18/23 N	24/30 NE	29/37 NE	31/41 NE	29/40 NE	28/38 NE	23/32 NE	23/31 NE	19/26 NE
900	17/22 N	22/28 NE	27/34 NE	29/40 NE	29/39 NE	27/37 NE	23/32 NE	22/30 NE	18/24 NE
600	14/19 N	18/24 NE	20/28 NE	24/34 NE	24/35 NE	23/33 NE	19/27 NE	14/22 NE	9/16 NE
300	5/18 N	5/23 NE	7/28 NE	9/33 NE	11/34 NE	10/33 NE	8/26 NE	6/22 NE	3/18 NE
Glen	8/18 N	11/22 NE	14/28 NE	16/32 NE	16/33 NE	16/32 NE	14/27 NE	10/22 NE	6/16 NE

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	0/-6	0/-7	-1/-9	-1/-9	-0/-8	0/-8	-0/-7	-2/-9	-2/-9
900	1/-5	1/-6	0/-7	0/-8	1/-7	1/-6	1/-6	-1/-8	-1/-7
600	3/-1	3/-2	2/-4	3/-4	3/-3	4/-2	3/-2	2/-3	1/-3
300	5/3	5/3	5/2	6/2	6/3	7/4	6/4	4/2	3/1
Glen	8/5	7/4	7/4	8/5	10/6	10/7	9/6	7/4	6/4
Freezing Level*	1100m	1000m	900m	900m	900m	900m	900m	700m	700m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View

A return to hazardous winter conditions by late afternoon with temporary blizzards possible in heavier showers on higher summits and strong northeasterly winds, gales at times. A severe wind chill is expected during the day.

Forecast for Wednesday 28 Apr 2021

Weather: The cold northeasterly airstream will continue with showers likely to be wintery. More frequent showers will be likely on the more exposed north facing hills and eastern ranges. Some brighter interludes between showers and possibly some sunnier spells further west around Knoydart and Torridon.

Maximum wind: Northeasterly 10-15mph.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 60%, more chance further west and perhaps less chance further north east.

Visibility: Cloud bases will generally be above the summits but will lower to 6-700m in wintery showers at times with visibility becoming moderate or poor temporarily.

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 2 rising to 6 Celsius.
At 800m: Minus 2 Celsius.
Freezing level: 5-700m

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